



## Sunny Start Family Advisory Committee Meeting

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Thursday, February 10, 2011 10:00-Noon
<b>Location:</b>	Indiana Department of Health – 8C
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Beth DeHoff
<b>List of Participants:</b>	Beth DeHoff, Cathy Beard, Joe Brubaker, Lesa Paddock, Denise Arland, Terrance (TJ) Lloyd, Jr. Staff: Rylin Rodgers, Maureen Greer, Andrea Wilkes
<b>Attachments</b>	

<b>Summary of meeting:</b>	<p><b><u>Goals for Committee</u></b></p> <p>Family Resources Fact Sheets and Developmental Calendar have been viewed as a success.</p> <p>History of the Committee:</p> <p>Funding by HRSA for the Early Childhood Systems (SECCS), small funding to address children birth -5. The work has focused on 5 domains; Medical Home and Access to Health Care, Family Support, Parent Support, Early Care and Education, and Social Emotional.</p> <p>Initial focus groups gathered the input from families throughout the state, issues that emerged were: barriers to accessing services and understanding systems</p> <p>The work of the Family Advisory Group has been focused on supporting the information needs of families. The focus of this group has been and will remain <u>all</u> children birth to 5.</p> <p>Over the years, families have been recruited in a variety of ways. We continue to seek additional membership. We would like to focus on the parents of young children and parents of typically developing children.</p> <p>Three issues were raised from the perspective of Foster Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How to advocate for systems</li><li>How to get into systems</li><li>How to coordinate across systems</li></ul> <p>Is there a public face of these efforts? Terrance Lloyd, Jr. shared that a media sponsor might be helpful. A parent story about the environmental issues would be helpful; IKE may be a partner that can help address that. Andrea offered that OPA at ISDH may be helpful. Joe suggested using a nonprofit partner for media relations efforts too.</p>
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Future Goals:

IKE and Healthy Homes will partner with distributing the lead DVD and will include additional factsheets:

Second-Hand Smoke

Lead

Healthy Home Tips

Pesticides : will require two different points, what the pesticides are and what the risks are and reduction

Reducing Pesticide Use: will this cover green options?

Healthy Childcare Tips: this is a new idea to families looking for childcare

Drinking Water

How to Protect Kids from Environmental Threats – Overview: title would be important (include environmental); this would be the one to delete if needed.

Indoor Air Pollution: an increase

Household Chemicals

Children's Environmental Health – Overview

It will be important to cover not only problems but also the concrete solutions

Agencies must provide foster parents with annual Foster Care Trainings.

Environmental health issues could be a training topic.

Cathy will be doing outreach to various training and conference events about the resources of the Early Childhood Meeting Place between now and the end of May. The Early Childhood Meeting Place is experiencing some growing pains and the site has re launched at the

[www.earlychildhoodmeetingplace.org](http://www.earlychildhoodmeetingplace.org) url. The analytics from the site is reported as a means of assessing what information is being accessed and needed. The Home Visiting and Pregnant and Parenting Teens project will use the materials, CISS (medical home) project is currently using these resources, families enrolled in the CSHCN program receive the materials.

The committee can support the marketing and awareness of the materials and website. A target of the committee effort could be families who now suddenly have the need for the information. School counselors and social workers are a group that we can connect. Libraries would be potential connection. The responders to the pregnant and parenting teens survey are another potential audience.

Another identified need is training for staff of the systems that families are trying access, to improve customer service. Budget cuts will make changes in this area difficult, creating a need for continued work on family training.

**Family Leadership Initiative**

This is a 2-year process, which has included over 20 advocacy organizations. This is an effort that looked at leadership at the family, community, and state and national level. Competencies at all of levels were defined. We have been working with Bottom Line Performance, to translate the competencies into an operational format and to design a web portal. The design and specifications are complete. We are working to identify funders and partners to launch the portal and design the curriculum for the modules. The partnership group will reconvene.

### **Developmental Calendar**

The developmental calendar was last updated several years ago. It needs to be updated again prior to the next printing. Can we make sure that URL's contacts and other issues are updated?

### **Next Steps**

Follow up with pregnant and parenting teens list to share Sunny Start resources with responders.

If you know a family that would be interested in serving on the workgroup for the environmental issues, please share with Maureen or Rylin.

Please review the developmental calendar:

[http://www.earlychildhoodmeetingplace.org/family.lasso?-token.corralexec=article\\_detail&-token.article\\_id=8920&-token.section=parenting\\_and\\_families](http://www.earlychildhoodmeetingplace.org/family.lasso?-token.corralexec=article_detail&-token.article_id=8920&-token.section=parenting_and_families)

Share comments and updates (by page numbers sent by Rylin) with [rylin@ilines.net](mailto:rylin@ilines.net) by Friday February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Send environmental fact sheets for review once developed, prior to the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be in early April, date to be determined. Jodie Parish from Improving Kids' Environment will be invited to attend.

